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1. INTERNATIONAL STAFF CSCE EXPERT INFORMED US SEPT 6 THAT THE FRENCH DELEGATION HAS INFORMALLY AGREED TO A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON POLADS WORK ON PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE. THE FRENCH CAUTIONED THAT THE REPORT SHOULD NOT INCLUDE ANY REFERENCES TO A NATO POSITION OR NATO AGREEMENTS ON CSCE MATTERS, EXCEPT ON CBMS OR SECURITY ISSUES. ACCORDINGLY, THE IS EXPERT PLANS TO PROCEED TO DEVELOP A REPORT ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED REFTEL.

2. COMMENT: THE IS BELIEVES, AS DO WE, THAT JUDICIOUS WORD-ING IN THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CAN EASILY MEET THE FRENCH CONCERNS ABOUT ASSERTIONS OF A "NATO POSITION". WE BELIEVE A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT IS AN ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION TO THE IMPASSE POSED BY THE FRENCH SINCE JUNE ON THE HANDLING OF NATO PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE. WE ASSUME THE FRENCH ARE MORE FLEXIBLE ON THIS POINT NOW THAT THE NINE HAVE COMPLETED THEIR ROUND OF EXPERTS MEETINGS ON
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CSCE, AND THAT AMBASSADOR HARTMAN'S DEMARCHES, FOR WHICH WE ARE GRATEFUL, ALSO HAD AN IMPACT. BENNETT

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